

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF MARION
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

- 1. Call to Order:** Steve Peer, Chairman, called the regular Board meeting for the month of September to order at 6:30 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present at the meeting were: Steve Peer, Chairman; Jerrod Waterman, Supervisor; Judi Boughton, Clerk and Laurie King, Treasurer. Bob Frey, Supervisor, was absent from the meeting.
- 3.** Citizens who were in attendance of the meeting were: Randy Dombeck, Tom Haile, Lonny and Laurayne Fischer, Tiffany Waterman.
- 4. Approval of Agenda:** Jerrod made a motion to keep the agenda items in the order posted. Steve seconded the motion.
- 5. Proof of Publication of Meeting Notice:** The notice of meeting was published Thursday, September 7, 2023, in the Boscobel Dial. The agenda was posted Thursday, September 7, 2023, at the town shop and on the town web site.
- 6. Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the August 14, 2023, board meeting were distributed to all who were present and, after everyone had a chance to review the minutes, a motion was made by Jerrod to approve them. The motion was seconded by Steve.
- 7. Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s report was prepared by Laurie King and read by Laurie as follows:

Checking	\$	2,655.46
Equipment fund savings		71,690.01
Red school house restoration		2,962.63
People’s Money Market		82,138.50
ARPA Funds		6,431.25
Local Gov’t Inv Pool		<u>23.23</u>
Total:	\$	165,901.58

Loan Summary: Regarding the loan with Peoples State Bank, the terms of the loan are 2.49% fixed annual rate until 2025. The current loan balance is \$125,066.42. Payments of \$16,500 are due to continue quarterly until a final payment is made in June 2025. Loan balance does not include this month's payment. August settlement from Grant County is reflected in the money market balance.

8. Citizen Input: Lonny was at the meeting and said after the pile of tires was moved, someone threw in about 10 bicycle tires. Also, when he was out mowing, someone dropped off about 4 truck tires.

9. Old Business:

- **Update on Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding (FFY 2022-2026) – (Travis Kramer – Tower Road Double Seal Coating Project):** Steve said it does not look like we will be getting these funds. Steve mentioned that Bob said he would patch Town Hall Road with hot mix.
- **Update on Tower Road – Quit Claim Deed:** We have not received a map of Tower Road from Austin Engineering. Judi will follow up on this with them.
- **Update on ARPA Project – Allocation of Remaining Funds After Paying Off Town's Share of Boscobel Fire Department Fire Truck Loan:** The Board had already decided last month to pay the fire department for the fire truck loan, but this was disused again as Judi had contacted the DOR Local Recovery Funds@Wisconsin.Gov asking if the funds could be switched and received and email back stating "Treasury is only allowing edits of previously submitted report in extreme cases ..." Since the response was vague, all agreed the fire department would be a legitimate expense and verified paying off the fire truck loan in the amount of \$28,869.74, leaving a balance in the ARPA account of approximately \$6,400.00, which also needs to be allocated for a project. An updated report will be due in April 2024.
- **Update on Locating a Town Truck:** Steve called around about a month ago and did not find much of anything for trucks, but what was found was expensive. Board will keep looking. Discussed upcoming expenses with the culvert by Marion church and pay-off of the tractor lease for purchase of the tractor. Also discussed we will receive double in shared revenue next year.

- **Update on Replacing Bridge By Marion Church With Culvert:** Steve said the project is marked for the electrical and everything. Steve did not get a chance to call Travis Kramer but, since it is all marked, he knows they are planning on doing it.

10. New Business.

- **Followup on Drill Tec Shoes With Amish:** Steve talked to Menno of the Amish community and asked if they all ran drill tecs and he said they don't. On Dry Hollow Road, Steve said there is a little damage but the road has not been seal coated for a while. Steve did not see a lot of damage from the Amish on our roads. Menno will be moving to Stitzer so wouldn't have much to say for what goes on in this area
- **Tire Update on 4-Wheel Drive International Truck:** Steve doesn't have them on yet, but we have them.
- **Followup on Inspection of 7400 International Truck:** Steve talked to Jerrell, and he did not think there would be too much of a problem as it would pass and he is to adjust the clutch but has not done yet.
- **Fall Cleanup Update:** Fall cleanup is scheduled for October 7 from 8 am to 4 pm. Fischers are taking care of with workers being Tom, Fischers and Henry Stoltzfus. Steve said they should check with Bob to make sure 40-yard dumpster is called in. Steve said keep prices the same for tires and TVs except maybe change this spring as prices are going up.
- **Official Resolution to Adopt the 2023-2028 Grant County Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Jerrod made a motion to adopt the 2023-2028 Grant County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion was seconded by Steve. The resolution was signed and will be posted tomorrow.

11. Future Agenda Items: New truck update, update on new tires, update on fall cleanup, update on getting truck inspected, update on Tower Road map; budget review.

12. Patrolman's Report: Tom received compliments for the job he did mowing on Peer Road. New blades on tractor helped a lot. Spot on Sand Hill Lonny mentioned that drops off; board discussed. Steve said it actually could use guard rails as there is quite a drop. Discussed new signs. Steve said to order new fire signs and not worry about older ones right now. Steve made a motion to replace signs where there is not one and replace road signs that need to be replaced. Jerrod seconded the motion.

Ford pickup is up at Braudt Auto in Fennimore Jerrod said he has changed the spark plugs, 2 coil packs, transmission pan gasket, mass airflow sensor, and he is going to change the manifold and put the dipstick in, which has been out for a long time and should cost around \$2,000. Jerrod is working on the snow plow for the front of the white Ford truck.

13. Correspondence: The BOR was adjourned to 6:15 PM October 9, 2023. Bruce Gardiner said the BOR will need to be adjourned to November or December.

14. Approval of Invoices: A motion was made by Jerrod to approve the September invoices. Steve seconded the motion.

Additional checks written out after the September 2023 board meeting and before the October 2023 board meeting are:

- None.

15. Adjournment: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jerrod. Steve seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. The October board meeting will be held on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. Boughton, Clerk